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FOR ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

In the Triumphant March of Progress BATTLE AXE Shoes
—LEAD ALL COMPETITORS!—

Figures compiled from SHOE AND LEATHER REPORTER, show that—
STEPHEN PUTNEY SHOE CO., received from Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, this year MORE cases of shoes than any other Southern House.
STEPHEN PUTNEY SHOE CO., received from June 1 to Oct. 1, 6,819 cases of shoes MORE than any other Southern House.
STEPHEN PUTNEY SHOE CO., received from JULY 1 to OCT. 1, more cases of shoes THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN THE UNITED STATES. Only Boston shipments figured.

Also the figures given do not include cases of shoes received from our 15th Street and Newport News Works.

BEST GOODS—BEST STYLES—BEST MATERIALS—BEST WORKMANSHIP—BEST VALUES
FORCIBLE FACTS and FIGURES
ALWAYS MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF QUALITY
OUR MOTTO—

Stephen Putney Shoe Company's
sales from March 1,
to Oct. 1, 1905, - \$1,543,583.15
For corresponding period in 1904, - 1,333,331.10
A GAIN of - \$ 210,252.05

These Figures Represent the First 7 Months of our
FALL CAMPAIGN

STEPHEN PUTNEY SHOE COMPANY,

Richmond, Manchester, Newport News, Va., Boston, Mass.

COLORED FOLKS HAVE BARBECUE

Thousands Gather at Somerset
Beach to Enjoy Their Annual
Outing and Frolic.

WHITE FRIENDS PARTICIPATED

Negroes From All Sections Come
to the Feast in Various
Vehicles and On Foot.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COMORON, VA., September 29.—Somerset Beach, the King George summer resort, and Thursday, September 28, 1905, will live long in the recollections of many hundreds of colored people. The closing of the season at that place on Thursday was marked by a barbecue that surpassed anything of the kind ever witnessed in this section of the country. The Washington syndicate that leases and operates this Potomac River resort, gives a barbecue every September, at the close of the season, and these "great feasts" attract multitudes from Washington, Alexandria, Maryland, King George and other sections.

But the crowd this week was the largest that ever witnessed one of these annual "bull roasts." Excursion steamers brought hundreds from Washington and Alexandria. Sail-boats and row-boats brought scores from Charles county, Md.

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clothes, if it is your fault, but phone us.

And King George folks flocked thither from all quarters and directions. Old and young, men and women—the strong, the feeble, the maimed, the halt, the blind—were headed for Somerset Beach from early morning until midday—some in carriages, some in buggies, some in carts, some in wagons, some on horseback, some on bicycles, and through "footing" it for "dear life"; old women mopping sweat with gorgeous red bandannas. All "got there," and no one ever saw ants thicker and livelier around a dead, fat earth worm than were the multitudes of men, women and children around the central figure of the great barbecue. And lots of white folks were there, too, and the managers did not forget to treat them with due respect. Barrels and barrels of loaf bread and tohuwau vlands were spread for the hungry crowd.

That huge beef, roasted whole, stood like a monster as brown as a berry, and whetted the appetite and even tempted the fatty dyspeptics. But after the first slice was shaved off and served, the big animal fairly melted away, and soon nothing but the monster carcass remained.

Although this annual barbecue was distinctly a colored people's affair, it was, in many respects, a very interesting occasion, and those present speak in high terms of the management, and praise the head of the syndicate—the general manager—for his untiring efforts to preserve good order, and for enjoining upon the crowd to avoid everything that was offensive and could be criticised or condemned by good people.

Mr. C. P. Purke, of Igo, this county, has returned from Baltimore, where he spent several days buying merchandise for his store.

Mrs. Charles Hefflin and children, of Fredericksburg, spent this week with ex-Sheriff W. N. Hefflin and family, near King George Courthouse.

Mr. B. S. Minner, attorney at law, has returned to Washington, after spending a week with his father at this place.

Mrs. Bette Gravatt and daughter, Miss Jeanette Gravatt, of Caroline, are visiting kinsfolk and friends here.

Mr. P. P. Taylor, of Chatterton, this county, has just moved twelve miles and some wagons to Essex, where he has a saw-mill and a good many railroad ties.

Misses Ernestine and Effie Gutzgore, of this county, are visiting in the National Capital City.

Miss Bell McCauley returned to her home, near here, to-day, after spending a week in Washington and Alexandria.

Mr. J. Ogle Billingsley, merchant at Jersey, this county, has returned from a business trip to Baltimore, Washington and Alexandria.

Mr. P. B. Purke, of this neighborhood, has just received a telegram from Alexandria, announcing the dangerous illness of his daughter, Mrs. Conrad Meyer, in that city.

Cure for Chicken Cholera.
It is doubtful whether chicken cholera can be cured if it gets a good start in a large flock. It is epidemic, affecting the mucous surfaces, and is always accompanied by diarrhea. It attacks old and small birds as well as the young and weak. The birds die quickly generally within a day or two. The bird mopes about and seeks sunny corners, the feathers are ruffled, the wings droop, the feet drag and a consuming thirst is apparent. As soon as the disease is discovered remove every suspected bird from the flock. Do not wait an hour. Absolute cleanliness is necessary. Give one-half teaspoonful of carbolic acid or one-fourth of an ounce of sulpho-carbolic acid in a quart of water. Disinfect the houses and feed a little castor oil. Give the medicine to the well birds at the same time. Whitewash and spray everything around the poultry yard and houses with carbolic acid.

RICHMOND WEEK AT HOT SPRINGS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HOT SPRINGS, VA., September 29.—

This has certainly been a Richmond week at this resort, for the two leading events socially were controlled by the Richmond colony here. Aside from that, there was a large number of persons from that city here expressly for the Dunn-Scott wedding Wednesday.

Wedding guests opened Monday night, when a private cotillon was danced in the Homestead ball-room, in honor of the bride party. All of the representative persons of the resort who dance were asked, and there have never been seen so many pretty young women on the ball-room floor at the same time before.

The Misses Dunn have been famed for their delicate beauty since their return from Europe a year and a half ago, and it will be remembered that they participated in an entertainment here a year ago last August, representing Madame Bruy's painting of herself and daughter.

Two other very pretty young sisters at this week's cotillon were the Misses Lattimer, of Wilmington, N. C.

Of the six handsomest young women present were Mrs. Albert B. Lambert, of St. Louis, and Miss Kate Lockwood, of Englewood, N. J. Miss Louise Gaylord was also much admired.

The evening's pleasure was led off by Mr. George H. Ingalls, and his work made the affair the most successful of the effective cotillon ever given at this place.

There were many favors, including wreaths, baskets, pipes and flowers, but the cornstalk figure and the Japanese lantern figure (with lights in room turned off) brought forth exclamations of delight from all. The evening concluded with a supper in the new Japanese hall, where small tables were set for those present.

The wedding of Wednesday has already been written up, and is now a pleasant memory.

The last heard of the bride party was as they went driving down the road from the Dunn villa to the station, singing merrily, "Bring back my bonnie to me." They kept their destination a secret.

The weather has been ideal, as it always is at this time of year, and many distinguished New Yorkers are here.

Among those often seen about the club house lawn, slipping tea or watching the tennis, are Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Livingston Beckman, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Havemeyer, Mrs. Marie Havemeyer, Tiffany, Mrs. Philip Lydig, Miss Ada de Azevedo, Mr. and Mrs. E. Tiffany Dyer, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Mrs. Ben All Haggis, St. Louis Haggis and others. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., will be here Sunday.

IN POWHATAN
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

POWHTAN, VA., September 30.—The farmers of this community are quite busy housing their tobacco, and sowing wheat.

Mr. Noble Jordan and wife left Thursday for their home in Texas, after a delightful visit to friends and relatives of this county.

Mrs. W. H. Gills and Miss Ruth Gills spent several days of this week in the village.

Mr. E. L. Flanagan, of this place, left Monday for Richmond, where he will attend the University College of Medicine.

Miss Gay Miller will leave Monday to attend school in Richmond.

The village school will open the 9th, with Miss Susie Ligon as teacher.

Mr. H. O. Goode, who has been quite sick at his home for about six weeks, is greatly improved, and expects to leave for Richmond Monday, to take his position again.

Miss Cecile E. Goode, of Chesterfield Courthouse, is visiting friends at this place.

Mr. G. L. English, the popular clerk of the Hardwood Novelty Company, and his bride are expected to the village next week.

Mrs. T. M. Miller, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ben Volsiger, of Manchester, returned Wednesday.

Miss Mattie Patterson, who has been visiting relatives of this place, left Monday for New York, where she will join her sister, Miss Gay Patterson.

SAFETY FOR THE GUNNER
Coming after a discussion as to the probable future of mechanical and electrical inventions would take, the reading of a recent patent covering a system of electrical gun control, at distances, lifts the veil in at least one particular.

In the operation of heavy ordnance it is customary to determine the range of the target, at a range-finding station, which information is then communicated to a gun control station, the orders for firing originating at still another point. According to the new invention, the practicability of which is vouched for by the fact that it has been designed by its inventor to one of the largest electrical companies in the world, it is possible to find the range, adjust the gun, and discharge same from one point, which may be at a considerable distance from the gun station.

This ingenious system of aiming and firing heavy ordnance is based on electrical control. It is possible by its use to fire guns from a point entirely without the danger zone, and the danger zone is not automatically being the reloading after discharge.

The system is capable of operation in conjunction with a battery of guns, each of which may be directed and discharged at will, permitting perfect co-operation between the several guns.

The particular mechanism by which this control from a distance is effected is too complicated for brief explanation. The training of the gun is accomplished by electric motors, and the desired aim is secured by a motor operated through suitable gearing, while the firing is readily effected by a push button arrangement. The lighting is accomplished by the aid of a modified range-finding system.

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Fish-Frys and Belated Picnics
Are Now of Frequent Occurrence in State.

FIRES NOT TO BE DESPISED

Luncheon Prepared on a Snowy
Cloth, With Negroes to Wait
Upon the Picnickers.

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WEST POINT, VA., Sept. 30.—Every-

thing and everybody seems in sympathy with the weather—dreamy and hazy.

Nothing seems to be happening. After the strenuous life, the coming and going of summer, reaction or inaction has set in, and people are content with the quiet work in the home, with a stall in the woods, with a gun and dog, or an occasional fish fry, or belated picnic, or early oyster roast or a tournament, as recreation.

These "fish fries" in old Virginia are not to be despised by any means. Young and old can participate and add each his quota to the day's programme. They start early in the morning in wagons, buggies, carriages and on horseback, nobody hurries, the day is before them. They seek a shady grove near the banks of a river or mill-pond. At 12 o'clock preparations begin for dinner. Great hampers of food are opened and the odoriferous contents are removed to the snowy table cloths spread on the grass, and such contents—old ham, fried chicken, chicken pie, trout, lamb pies, cakes, pickles, literally everything, except fish, and by the time the baskets are empty, white aproned black mamies, with sleeves rolled up, have made a fire and put the "spiders" on. The young people, who have been fishing in full view, bring in the shining fish, kicking, fresh from the water. These are speedily prepared and in a few moments the whole community is redolent with the frying fish. The people eat, talk politics, discuss crops, make love and flirt. The little folks romp and roll on the grass—was there ever such a time except at a fish fry?

The friends of Sidney Bray (a West Point boy) will be glad to hear that he has received the appointment as pharmacist in the Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Va.

Miss Lesslie Phillips, of Newport News, will spend the winter with Mrs. Henry Baughman and attend the West Point Seminary.

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